

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Bemidji**  
**June 28, 2009**

These are our prayers, they are the prayers of our fellowship, they are the prayers of the church. As on your behalf I have offered a petition, I will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” and I invite you do respond, saying with me, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Let us pray.

I ask you to pray for peace and safety in this troubled world, especially in those places where violence rules the streets and the countryside.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you to pray for our nation as we observe the anniversary of its origin in the vision and sacrifice of courageous men and women. And I ask you to pray for its leaders, the President and congress as they guide their people in the dangers and difficulties of the times.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you to pray for the men and women of the armed forces, especially as they serve in places of mortal danger.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you to pray for the church, that she may always find renewed vigor in the power of the Holy Spirit, as she responds to the command of Christ, spreading abroad the Good News and serving humanity in Christ’s name.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you to pray for all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that they may have hope in their troubles, and be brought at last to the joy of your salvation. (Especially . . . . N., N.,)

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you to offer thanks to God for the graces and blessings you have received this week and throughout your live

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

I ask you offer for yourselves those prayers that arise in the secret places of all our hearts.

I ask, then that we join in the prayer of all prayers, even that which Jesus taught us to pray, saying, “Our Father . . . .”